

BOROUGH OF LISKEARD.



MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH'S

A N N U A L   R E P O R T .

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TO THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS

of the  
CORPORATION OF THE BOROUGH OF LISKEARD:

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I herewith present my Annual Report for the year 1939.

The Ministry of Health have directed that this Report should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year 1939.

The general health of this Borough has been very good and there has been nothing unusual to record throughout this period.

The most noteworthy event has been that the Town Council in the Autumn decided on the Free Immunisation against Diphtheria and a considerable number of children have already been immunised in consequence. I have great hopes that most of the children between one year and sixteen years of age will eventually be protected in this way from this terrible scourge.

A start has at last been made with the work in connection with the new scheme for the Water Supply of this Town and it is hoped that it will be completed early in 1940.

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area of the Borough	- - -	2,704 acres.
Registrar General's Estimate of the Resident Population. 1939.		4,268.
Number of Inhabited Houses	- -	1,225.
Rateable Value of the Borough	- -	£30,101.
The sum represented by a Penny Rate.		£127. 13s. 10d.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Live Births.</u>	46.	26.	20.
Legitimate.	39.	22.	17.
Illegitimate.	7.	4.	3.

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Birth Rate per 1,000 of the  
estimated Resident Population. 10.75.

Birth Rate for England and Wales - 15.00.

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	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Deaths.</u>	68.	27.	41.

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Death Rate per 1,000 of the  
estimated Resident Population. 13.5.

Death Rate for England and Wales. - 12.1.

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Nine Residents died in places outside the Borough during 1939.

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Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-

- |     |                         |   |   |   |      |
|-----|-------------------------|---|---|---|------|
| (a) | Puerperal Sepsis.       | - | - | - | nil. |
| (b) | Other Puerperal Causes. | - | - | - | nil. |
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Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-

- |     |   |   |   |   |      |
|-----|---|---|---|---|------|
| (a) | All Infants per 1,000<br>Live Births.                       | - | - | - | nil. |
| (b) | Legitimate Infants per 1,000<br>Legitimate Live Births.     | - | - | - | nil. |
| (c) | Illegitimate Infants per 1,000<br>Illegitimate Live Births. | - | - | - | nil. |
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| Deaths from Cancer (all ages).                     | - | - | - | 4.   |
| Deaths from Measles (all ages).                    | - | - | - | nil. |
| Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages).             | - | - | - | nil. |
| Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years<br>of age). | - | - | - | nil. |
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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA:-

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH.

(a) Medical.

The post of MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH is a part-time appointment and is held by:  
J. G. MORGAN, M.R.C.S.(Eng) ., L.R.C.P.(Ind) .

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Dr. Day, the County Tuberculosis Officer, attends a Clinic at the Public Assistance Institution, Lamellion House, once a month for the examination of any Tuberculous Cases, and also for Consultations with any Medical Practitioners when necessary.

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Dr. E. Wordley, of Plymouth, carries out any Bacteriological or Pathological investigations which may be necessary.

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Dr. Rentoul, the County Orthopaedic Officer, attends once a month at the Orthopaedic Clinic, the Welfare Centre, Fair Park, Liskeard, and one or two County Orthopaedic Sisters attend once a week for the treatment of approved cases.

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Dr. B. B. Metcalfe is the Medical Officer to the Public Assistance Institution and is also the Public Vaccinator.

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(b) Other Officers.

The Borough Surveyor, Mr. E. J. Hoar, acts as the Sanitary Inspector. He is an Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, a qualified Sanitary Inspector, and also a qualified Meat and Food Inspector.

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There have not been any changes in the following:-

- (1) Laboratory Facilities.
  - (2) Ambulance Facilities.
  - (3) Home Nursing.
  - (4) Treatment Centres and Clinics.
  - (5) Hospital Facilities.
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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES  
(other than Tuberculosis)  
during the year 1939.

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<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Total Deaths.</u>
Smallpox.	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	3	1	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	3	-	-
Pneumonia.	3	-	-

T U B E R C U L O S I S .


Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory		Non Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Up to 1 yr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 to 5 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35 yrs.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45 yrs.	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 to 55 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 yrs and over.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	1	2	-	-	1	1	-	-

The General Health of the Borough has been very satisfactory throughout this year.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN G. MORGAN.

Medical Officer of Health.  
Borough of Liskeard.



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